

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1-6

Attachment: Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-6

REMARKS

A Request for a One (1) Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) and (b) is attached hereto.

The above-captioned patent application has been carefully reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action to which this Amendment is responsive. Claims 1-14 have been amended to clarify the combination and to better and more distinctly recite that which is regarded as the present invention. The specification has also been substantially amended to add proper headings placing the application in a suitable US format and to correct typographical errata to conform the application with the drawings and to place the application into proper idiomatic English. A set of replacement drawings for Figs. 1-6 is also attached. To that end, it is believed no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph and has also objected to the drawings and disclosure based on certain formalities. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the amended claims and disclosure and the attached replacement drawings.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claims 1-14 over the prior art of record.

The Examiner has rejected each of the claims under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. To that end, Applicant has significantly amended each of Claims 1-14 in an effort to put the claims into proper US format and to remove numerous grammatical and idiomatic errors, including those noted by the Examiner. In addition, terms such as "connectable", "if applicable", "mountable", "able to engage" and "may be actuated" have been removed where needed in favor of positive recitation of elements. All alternative expressions, including "and/or", "optionally" and the like have also been deleted. Applicant has further made a diligent attempt to identify each

claimed element with reference to the drawings to alleviate the confusion noted by the Examiner. Applicant apologizes for any prior inconvenience that may have been caused.

Applicant has also cured the antecedent bases problems noted at item 8 of the pending Office Action. For example, the term "it" has been deleted in Claims 1 and 3, as amended, in favor of the element to which "it" should correspond. To that end, no new matter has been added.

With regard to the specification, Applicant has amended same to add proper headings and to correct certain typographical errata. For example, paragraph [0028] has been amended to properly note the curvature of portion refers to reference numerals 38 and 40, now comporting the specification with the drawings. This paragraph has also been amended to correct the inner portions as 46, 48, as properly indicated later in the same paragraph and now throughout the disclosure and comporting with the drawings. Numerous idiomatic errors have also been noted, each of which have now been corrected in an effort to properly conform the specification and drawings with that of the pending claims. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

As to the drawings, Applicant herein attaches replacement versions of Figs. 1-6 to tend to the discrepancies noted in PTO Form-948 as well as to place reference numerals for elements recited by the claims to provide suitable conformance. To that end, Applicant now has amended Fig. 1 to add a support (15) for the steerable wheel with regard to Claims 1 and 14 and a coupling mechanism (61) to Figs. 2 and 3, also with regard to Claims 1 and 14. The specification has also been amended at page 5, eighth paragraph, and page 7, second and third paragraphs, to comport the disclosure and the drawings with the claims. As to the remaining drawing objections, the "tube portion" recited in Claim 5 is already covered in the present specification – see page 6, third full paragraph, as well as Fig. 2 (reference numeral 18). Fig. 2 has been amended, however, to now include a reference numeral (19) for the socket portion and the specification has also been appropriately revised at page 6, third paragraph. Claim

5 has been amended concerning the limitation to the "common shaft". It is believed the drawings and specification now properly comport with the claims. Approval of the replacement drawings is respectfully requested.

Finally, Applicant herein concurrently files an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), specifically citing each of the references listed in the specification and providing a legible copy of each foreign patent document as well as proper citation through use of an SB Form/08A relating thereto.

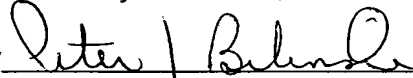
In summary and in view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the above-captioned application is now in a condition for allowance and an expedited Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Applicant herein authorizes any additional underpayments be charged to and overpayments be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0289, under Order No. 1179_018 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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